

FROM OTHER LANDS.

An Official Mexican Statement Concerning Her English Debt Negotiations.

John Bull Hobnobbing with De Lesseps Over the Suez Canal.

France Accused of Sinister Designs Against the German Crown Prince.

France Wants a Bit of Indemnity from Hayti--International Billiards.

CITY OF MEXICO, Nov. 14.--Interviews with high officials develop the following facts regarding the English debt: Mexico acknowledges an indebtedness, principal and interest, of \$16,000,000. Last April a private agent of Mexico, without full authority, made an agreement with the bondholders by which Mexico was to replace the outstanding bonds with a new issue for \$30,000,000 at 3 percent interest. The additional \$14,000,000 was for the purpose of paying the first year's interest and reimbursing the expenses of the bondholders' committee. Subsequently congress authorized the president to settle the debt on the given basis. When the text of the agreement arrived from London the president refused to approve the additional \$14,000,000. Negotiations for a new agreement were then begun, but failed. Two weeks ago the president instructed Carlos Rivas, the Mexican agent in London, to offer \$15,000,000 in bonds instead of \$20,000,000. The offer was refused. Rivas was instructed last week to suspend negotiations. The government is anxious to settle, but considers the demand of the bondholders exorbitant.

PARIS, Nov. 14.--A Paris dispatch to Reuters Telegram company says that it is understood that Marquis Teign has returned to Paris because that city is more convenient in which to carry on the negotiations with France, and not on account of any fresh incident that has arisen between China and France.

A Paris correspondent says that the Marquis Teign will meet Premier Ferry Thursday. A German squadron has arrived at Genoa to escort the German crown prince to Spain. A correspondent of the Cologne Gazette, referring to hostile articles of the French press in regard to the German crown prince's projected visit to Spain, especially alludes to an article of the Paris *Nationale*, which, he says, is plainly intended to incite the Spanish republicans to commit an act of revolt as an answer to Spain's reception of the German crown prince. The correspondent adds that money has been sent to Barcelona from France with this object.

A banquet was given here this evening by the Trinity house corporation. The Right Hon. Joseph Chamberlain, president of the board of trade, in a speech, urged the necessity of measures to prevent the great annual loss of life and property in the British mercantile marine service. He heartily welcomed M. de Lesseps, Sir Charles Tupper, high commissioner for Canada, responded to a toast to the visitors, and paid high tribute to the Marquis of Lorne for the manner in which he had performed the duties of governor general of Canada.

M. de Lesseps made a speech, in which he emphasized the conciliatory disposition with which he had come to England. He said there ought to be no difficulty in arriving at a fair settlement of the Suez canal question. It is understood that the opening of the trial of O'Donnell has been fixed for the twenty-third instant.

The statement that a deputation from King Alfonso's Ulan regiment would accompany the crown prince to Spain is not true. PARIS, Nov. 14.--The *Liberte* says the negotiations between France and China on the Tonquin question are likely to be resumed upon a basis which will allow China to retain Bixinh.

A dispatch from Tamatave says the French have declined proposals brought here by two Malagasy officials for a compromise of the pending difficulties. Schaefer and Max are practicing daily for their championship game of billiards which is to begin on the twenty-sixth instant and continue five nights. Both men appear to be in excellent form, especially Schaefer. They will play the balk line game, 600 points a night. The stake is \$2,000. The American break is forbidden.

The Marquis Teign to-day attended the reception at the ministry of foreign affairs. Premier Ferry has written a letter to the Marquis of Lorne, in which he states that the French charge d'affaires at Port au Prince has been instructed to insist upon the payment of indemnity by the Haytian government to Frenchmen who may have suffered loss during the revolt, and to take steps to ascertain the names of the French who have been damaged. The French cruiser *Minerve* will visit Port au Prince and Cape Haytien, and the French government will do its utmost to protect Frenchmen in Hayti.

BERLIN, Nov. 14.--The *National Zeitung* says M. de Lesseps expressed warm friendship for Germany and declared that he stopped at Berlin by the wish of the czar that he might convey to the emperor and Prince Bismarck the expression of Russia's friendly feelings toward Germany.

MADRID, Nov. 14.--An ad-de-camp of King Alfonso has left for Berlin with a reply to Emperor William's autograph letter, announcing the proposed visit of the Crown Prince Frederick William.

The official Gazette to-day publishes President Grevy's apology to King Alfonso for the Paris incident.

RENO, Nov. 14.--The royalist troops have everywhere been victorious against the republicans. Gen. Colic has subjected all the places declared in state of siege.

Pittsburg Labor Troubles.

PITTSBURGH, Nov. 14.--The strike of the window glass workers is about two months old, and from outward appearances a settlement is as far off as when the strike was inaugurated. The talk of dissension among the strikers is emphatically denied by the officials of the workmen, who assert that the inner workings of the association are entirely harmonious, and that, financially, the men are in better condition than on the first day of the strike, as the eastern workers have responded liberally. The stocks in warehouses are getting very low, and manufacturers are importing French glass rather than to submit to the demands of the strikers. The officials of the Minors' association, in an open letter, invite the coal operators of the river pools to meet them next Friday for the purpose of appointing a board of arbitration with power to settle all disputes. The letter says that the miners are ready and willing to meet the operators half way, and suggests that the latter interest themselves in the readjustment of the prices for mining.

Mrs. Garrett Dying.

BALTIMORE, Nov. 14.--The condition of Mrs. John W. Garrett remains unchanged up to a late hour to-night. She has been continuously unconscious, seeming at times to partially rally, but sinking again into a comatose condition. Her physicians have no hopes for her recovery. This is the third driving accident that has happened to her within the last year. About nine months ago Mrs. Garrett's team was started by a railway carriage on Eastern avenue. About three months ago the horses attached to Mrs. Garrett's carriage ran away in the city and

were stopped. Mrs. Garrett was uninjured. Soon after her return from Europe, Mrs. Garrett, while being driven to her home in the suburbs, was thrown from her carriage and dangerously injured. Her condition is regarded to-night as critical. President John W. Garrett, Mr. Robert Garrett, and others of the family are at the bedside of the dying woman. At midnight her condition was unchanged.

A DIFFERENCE IN VIEWS.

Wherein Mr. Randall Fails to Coincide With the Views of Mr. Carlisle.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 14.--A Times reporter found ex-Speaker Randall at his country home at Berwyn to-day resting from his campaign labors, and leisurely preparing for the transfer of his headquarters to Washington, where he will go on Saturday.

"Did you see Mr. Carlisle's claim?" Mr. Randall was asked.

"I did."

"What do you think of it?"

"He is over sanguine. The recent elections have not strengthened his canvass, but have somewhat lengthened mine."

"What have you to say as to your own expectations?"

"I have to say that my estimates differ from his. He conceives me sixty votes. I believe I shall have eighty-five to ninety on the first ballot, and a nomination on the whole produced by large accessions from New York and from other quarters of members who will vote for Mr. Cox on the first ballot as a compliment."

"How do you divide the votes remaining between candidates in opposition to you?"

"That somewhat depends whether Mr. Springer is or is not a candidate. If a candidate he may have ten votes--not over. Between Mr. Carlisle and Mr. Cox, the former has what is equivalent to three out of every four votes."

"Will the session be a long or a short one?"

"It ought to close on May 1, or sooner, and let the business of the country be secure from agitation and doubt."

"Will the tariff be agitated?"

"I prefer to express no opinion now as to the details of the legislation that is probable."

TWO MEN BLOWN TO PIECES.

Fatal Explosion in a Pennsylvania Mine.

POTTSVILLE, Pa., Nov. 14.--A terrible explosion of sulphur occurred to-day at Eagle Hill colliery, operated by the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron company.

Robert Kennedy and Michael Kelly, miners, were instantly killed, and Edward Kelly, a day boy, was fatally injured.

The first two worked abreast in partnership and had prepared to blast when Kelly lighted a fuse, and they returned to a place of apparent safety. A few seconds later the sulphur fired and the explosion, which, while the neighborhood was shaken by the intensity of the shock, the bodies of the men were found fifty yards away, and were terribly mangled.

SEVEN THOUSAND Bales of Cotton Burned.

NORFOLK, Va., Nov. 14.--At 11 a. m. to-day sparks from a tinner's furnace set on fire a lot of cotton on the wharf of the Norfolk and Western railway. A fresh breeze was blowing at the time from the southwest, and the flames spread to warehouse No. 2, which was soon enveloped in flames, and despite the efforts of the fire departments from this city and Portsmouth, 7,000 bales of cotton were destroyed. A large number of cars loaded with freight, and the full contents of the warehouse were burned. The loss is variously estimated at from \$400,000 to \$600,000.

NORFOLK, Va., Nov. 14.--Four thousand bales of the cotton burned were consigned to the Merchants and Miners' Transportation company, and the bulk of it was to have been shipped to Boston to-morrow by the steamer *Barkshire*. The steamer *Gaston*, from Baltimore, had just unloaded a large quantity of freight for the Virginia, Tennessee and Georgia Air Line, which was all consumed by the flames.

A large lot of Peruvian guano was stored in one of the warehouses for shipment by the same line, and that, with a large quantity of walnut lumber and all other freight in both warehouses and on the wharves, was destroyed.

Hundreds of bales of cotton and boxes of miscellaneous freight floated down the river and were carried out with the tide. The water front was lined with tugboats helping to submerge the conflagration, which at one time threatened to destroy everything in that part of the city. Two frame buildings, half a mile off, in the suburbs, in the direction of the wind, were burned. Several men were painfully, but not dangerously injured.

The cause of the fire is unknown. It is stated that the loss will not exceed, all told, \$250,000.

THE FIRE RECORD.

DULUTH, Minn., Nov. 14.--Eight buildings were burned this morning in Minnesota. Port, including the store room and warehouse of A. McLean & Co., and the new residence of Capt. James Lloyd. The others were saloon buildings or small residences.

Robert Kennedy was burned to death. Jas. Herbert escaped by jumping. A. McLean & Co. loss \$25,000. Total loss about \$50,000.

SHELBYVILLE, Ind., Nov. 14.--A business block on Harrison street, including the business establishments of John H. Griffin & Co., H. B. Griffin & Co., and S. L. Dorsey, Griffin & Hardback, and others, was destroyed by fire this morning. The fire is supposed to be of incendiary origin. The loss is \$15,000; insurance, \$4,000.

CHARLES, Iowa, Nov. 14.--A fire in Iowa City yesterday destroyed the Tremont house and stables, a saloon, millinery store, and blacksmith shop. Loss, \$20,000, with small insurance. The fire was due to an incendiary.

CHICAGO, Nov. 14.--The cotton and woolen mill of the Lilly & Son Manufacturing company, of this city, was partially destroyed by fire to-day. Loss, \$15,000; partially covered by insurance.

BALTIMORE, Nov. 14.--A fire to-night destroyed the packing box factory and saw mill of Asendorf & Dreyer, at Lombard and Concord streets, about \$8,000. The loss is fully covered by insurance in out-of-town companies.

BOSTON, Nov. 14.--The barn, shed, and engine house of the Tremont mills, at Tufts, was burned to-night. Loss from \$15,000 to \$20,000.

RATES TO CALIFORNIA.

CHICAGO, Nov. 14.--The Transcontinental Railway association passenger representatives met here to-day and adopted rates from Missouri river points to San Francisco as follows: First class, \$95; second class, \$75; emigrant, \$45; theatrical, \$75. A proposition was presented to make the fare from Chicago to San Francisco \$105.50, from St. Louis to San Francisco \$100, and from Chicago or St. Louis to Portland, Ore., \$103.50.

MINOR CABLE FLASHES.

The tunnel through the Aizberg in the Rhaetian Alps has been completed.

From Berlin it is reported that the difficulty between Russia and Bulgaria has been settled by mutual concessions.

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THE SOUTHERN METHODISTS.

One Hundred and First Annual Conference of Virginia--Book Concern Statistics.

RICHMOND, Va., Nov. 14.--The one hundred and first annual conference of Virginia of the Methodist Episcopal Church South convened in this city this morning at 9 o'clock.

Rev. Paul Whitehead was elected secretary, and Rev. P. A. Peterson, S. S. Lambeth, and G. C. Vandervelde assistant secretaries.

Mr. Whitehead offered the following resolutions, which were adopted:

That the rules of this conference providing for the appointment of standing committees be rescinded, except as to the committee on publishing interest.

That in pursuance of the provisions of the discipline of 1882, there shall be appointed by the conference a committee of five or no presiding elders, on the last day of the session, a board of education and a Sunday school board, to consist each of one clerical and one lay member, and as many of the presiding elders as shall act as a committee on the various matters arranged, and a solid office till the close of the next conference.

The conference elected the following committee on publishing interest: Clerical--W. E. Payne, J. L. Spencer, T. McN. Simpson, W. O. Waggoner, J. C. Reed, J. F. Twitty, J. E. Deahozo, T. H. Rogers, J. W. Heldness, J. C. Walton, Lay--D. L. Smith, W. H. Berry, W. A. Smith, B. J. Seymour, J. W. Bradbury, H. A. Morgan, S. N. Brickhouse, W. W. Walker, T. T. Westcott, and R. H. Newman.

Rev. Whitehead, Brown, and Manning were appointed a committee on memoirs. The latter was named especially to prepare a memoir on Rev. George W. Bailey.

A committee on Bible cause, consisting of Revs. H. Field, Deshaize, and Bradbury, was appointed.

Rev. Mr. Manning offered a resolution setting forth that two of the members of the conference have completed fifty years' service, and requesting that the committee on public relations arrange for a testimonial sermon from each of these brethren at this session of the conference. The names of the ministers alluded to are Revs. J. A. Riddick and Joseph Lear. The resolution was adopted.

Rev. D. F. Wells offered a resolution authorizing pastors of the circuits and stations of the conference to include the number of Methodist children in union Sunday schools in their reports to their respective quarterly and annual conferences, and a testimonial sermon from each of these brethren at this session of the conference. The names of the ministers alluded to are Revs. J. A. Riddick and Joseph Lear. The resolution was adopted.

A communication was received from the Book Agent publishing house of Nashville. It was read by the secretary, and showed progress in the number of books, pamphlets, and having 20,000 circulation, and the number of periodicals and papers printed was 3,500,000 copies. The report said: "The general conference has defined the basis of our business to be cash or its equivalent. We pay out cash, and we receive cash, and we do so by looking closely after our collection. The simplest and best method of business is to send cash with the order; but when this is not practicable, to accept the promises of our preachers to pay a reasonable amount in a short time as the equivalent of cash, with the understanding that they will settle up the balances due on their accounts in full at their annual conference." The number of books, pamphlets, &c., printed was 4,154,422. Merchandise sales reported was \$216,974.29, being an increase of \$40,000 over last year's business.

The following law questions were submitted to the conference: 1. Should the Sunday school reports embrace the statistics of what is known as Union Sunday schools? Answer--no. 2. Should the Sunday school reports be made to the secretary of the conference or to the district superintendent? Answer--to the Sunday school board.

Last night religious services were held.

MOUNTAINS ABLAZE.

Fields and Forests Burning on Tobacco Row--A Fatal Fend Between Brothers in Law--Change of Railway Time.

LYNCHBURG, Va., Nov. 14.--For several days the Tobacco Row mountains, under the Blue Ridge and immediately in front of this city, have been ablaze with fire, and at night the view from every elevated point is exceedingly brilliant. The flames are rapidly extending and much damage has been and will doubtless be done to fences, fields, and forest before the fire is extinguished, especially as the winds are now very high.

A few days ago a fatal affray occurred in Scott county between William A. Scott and Connally Fields, brothers in law, which resulted in the death of Connally. Surety was given, but Fields persisted in doing so, and the fatal fight ensued on making good his word. Many years ago a similar dispute arose between John Randolph, of Roanoke, and Col. Robert Carrington, of Charlotte county, who were bitter personal enemies, and their large plantations adjoined. Carrington denied Randolph the right to drive his team through his adjoining plantation, but Fields persisted in doing so, and the fatal fight ensued on making good his word. Many years ago a similar dispute arose between John Randolph, of Roanoke, and Col. Robert Carrington, of Charlotte county, who were bitter personal enemies, and their large plantations adjoined. 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